



# State Street Public Benches - Update



Historic Landmarks Commission  
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# State Street Public Benches

- ◆ 3-25-15: HLC requests discussion of benches removed from State Street Plaza
  - Granada Theater & other locations
- ◆ History (brief)
- ◆ Recent HLC actions
- ◆ Current inventory
- ◆ Future Tracking



# State Street Public Benches

- ◆ Installed during four phases of State Street Beautification Project, 1999-2007
- ◆ Gutierrez to Victoria St. (400-1200 blocks)
- ◆ Four different bench models:
  - Teak (3 versions)
  - Wood and metal
  - Approximately 126 benches



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Refurbished with  
center divider





# Recent Bench Reviews

- ◆ 1-28-15: Removal of 4 benches on 800 block (fronting Rite Aid, Sur la Table)
  - HLC Approved citing no objection to removal; and
  - Requested that Council be informed of the HLC's decision and concerns.



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- ◆ 2-25-15: Draft Proposed amendments to HLC Guidelines

## *1.3.4 Administrative Staff Review*

*“A. **Benches, Public:** The addition, relocation or removal of public benches in the public right of way shall be at the discretion of the Community Development Director...”*

*HLC: OK but, bench additions to be reviewed by Commission.*



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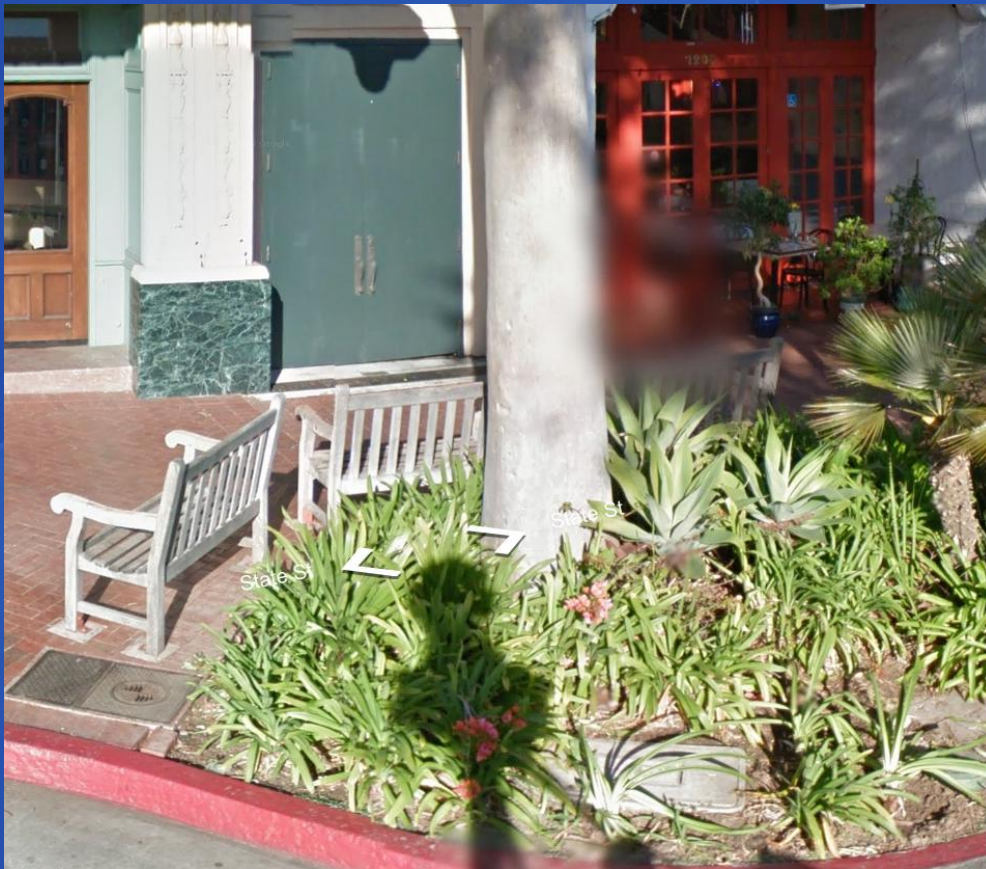
1210 Chapala – Granada Theater





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1208 Chapala – The Good Lion





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- ◆ Inventoried on April 6, 2015
- ◆ 102 observed of planned 126
- ◆ 3 benches not installed, utility conflicts
- ◆ 10 removed benches accounted
  - 1 recently vandalized beyond repair (1230)
  - 9 removed at City Administrator direction
- ◆ 12 removed benches unaccounted



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- ◆ Of the 12 benches unaccounted:
  - 3: Granada Theater (1210 State St)
  - 1: The Good Lion (1208 State St)
    - Still investigating disappearance
  - 8 other missing benches
    - Several absent since 2009





# State Street Public Benches

- ◆ Moving Forward:
  - Planning staff continues to investigate
  - Temporary Repair and Permanent Removals to be tracked in Permit System
  - Option: Periodic or annual inventory update to HLC (memo)



*Thank You*





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